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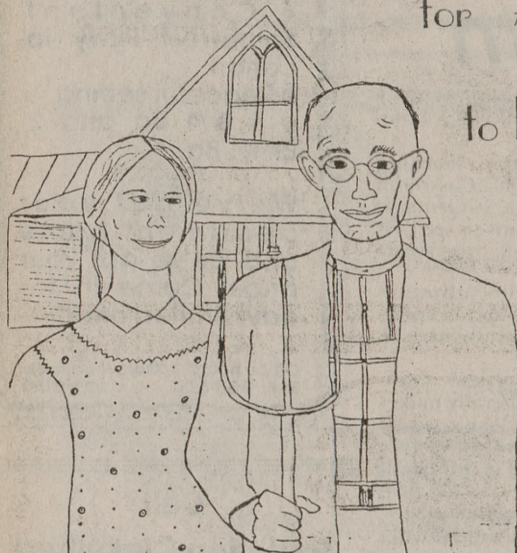
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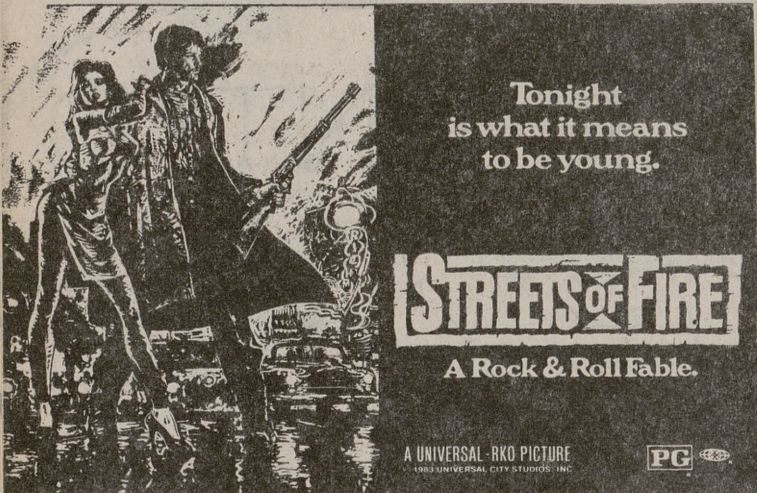
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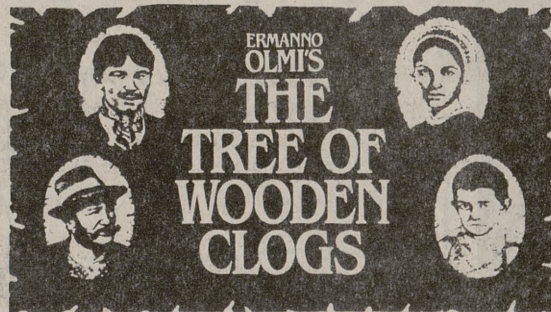
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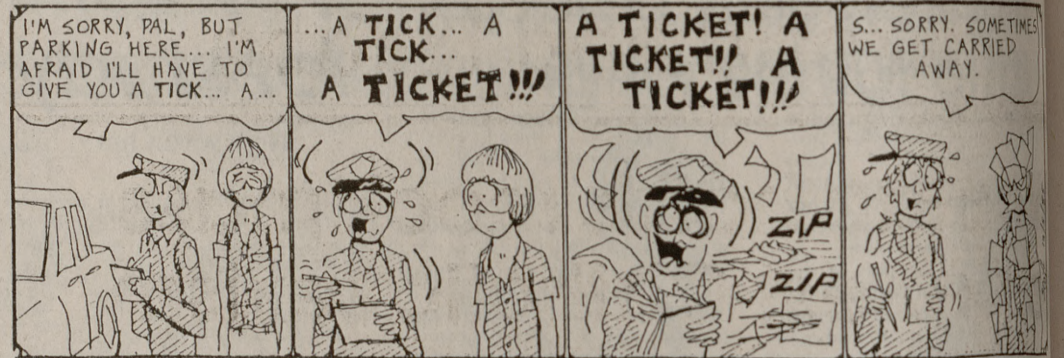
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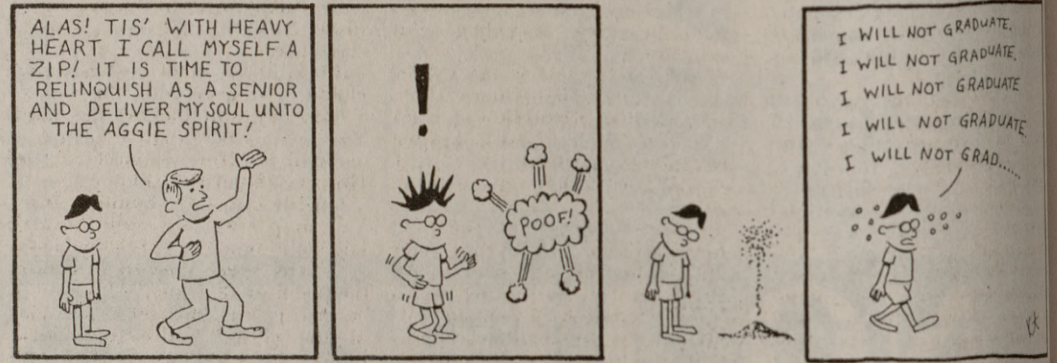
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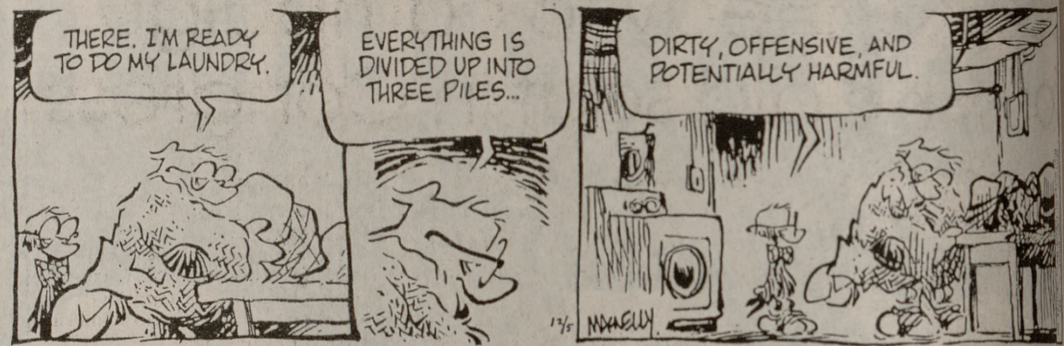
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Madrigal Dinners

Renaissance Feast celebrates holidays with wine, song

By CYNTHIA GAY
Staff Writer

"Ye must enter the hall with the spirit of Christmas!" the painted jester shouted Wednesday night, as the banquet hall was opened for the first of four Madrigal Dinners.

Wine, wenchés, and wassail abounded in a whirlwind of holiday cheer from the Renaissance and Medieval eras.

In the 16th century, English lords were charmed with this Italian custom of an after-dinner madrigal filled with light, bawdy or romantic songs.

With the College Station Hilton substituting for an English manor, guests from Texas A&M and the community are entertained in the gallery for an hour before the feast by roving jugglers, singers and magicians.

Men in maroon and lavender tights hurled red, yellow, and blue Indian clubs past the ears of one

nervous man, while the troupe performed a chorus of Christmas carols.

Wednesday through Saturday night MSC Madrigal Dinners is pulling together this witty and talented group of 40 performers, who meander between tables, poking fun at the audience and making sure the rules of the feast are enforced.

Yes, there are rules, but mother would never approve of them.

The presiding Lord and Lady Raleigh of Nottingham require their 400 dinner companions to use only a knife and their fingers to eat the "sallat, farsed feasant, lemonwhyt, diplomatic pudding and new potatoes and sauce."

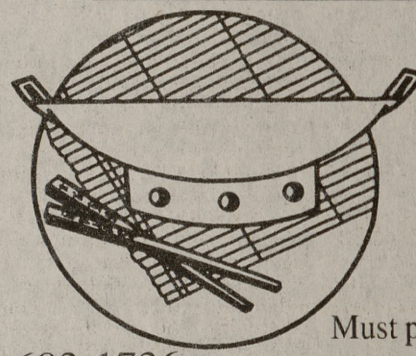
Napkins are to be worn over the left shoulder so that a guest can properly wipe his beard without employing his already greasy fingers. But no matter! All guests soon become friends at their own table, as wives feed their husbands grapes and everyone sways to the music of the wassail song.

"I've got me own private wench, bellowed Walt Davis, a resident of College Station for three years who is attending his third annual Madrigal Dinner. He was referring to one of the cast members who keeps turning each September to begin preparation for the four nights of the Christmas feast.

A shout from the jester directed audience to look to the head table where the 14 lords and ladies of Nottingham singers await the arrival of a boar's head. Hoisted high was an apple in its mouth, the master of the zorb back is heralded by the singer version of the "Boar's Head Carol."

"Music is love in search of a word," the jester says, and the really attired couples affirm the statement with an hour of a cappella song. They celebrate the birth of Christ with international music, as the feast concludes with a medley of familiar Christmas carols. The guests join hands in the candlelit to sing "Silent Night."

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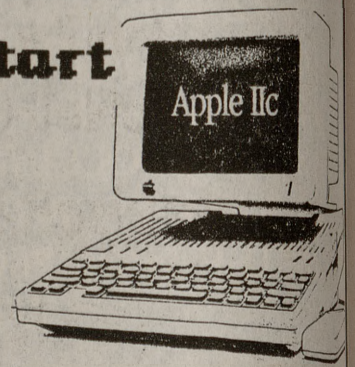
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